

Week Ending July 6, 1997

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According to the Mississippi Agricultural Statistics Service, there were 5.0 days suitable for fieldwork for the week ending July 6, 1997. The main farming activities for the week included planting soybeans and harvesting wheat. Row crop producers were checking fields for insects and controlling grasses and weeds. The hot, dry weather allowed cattlemen to finish harvesting hay. Soil moisture conditions were rated 8 percent short, 77 percent adequate and 15 percent surplus.

Progress In Percentages						Conditions in Percentages				
Item	Event	This Week	Last Week	1996	5-Yr Avg	Very Poor	Poor	Fair	Good	Excellent
Corn	Silked	70	54	85	79	2	5	16	67	10
	Dough	32	20	49	40					
	Dent	10	---	16	7					
Cotton	Squaring	70	52	98	92	2	9	27	56	6
	Setting Bolls	43	16	47	32					
Rice	Heading	15	8	10	9	--	--	14	82	4
Sorghum	Emerged	100	100	100	100	--	1	19	76	4
	Heading	47	10	56	40					
Soybeans	Planted	91	89	100	95	1	4	15	73	7
	Emerged	87	80	99	92					
	Blooming	37	18	52	25					
Wheat	Mature	100	99	100	100	--	--	--	--	--
	Harvested	95	70	100	96					
Sweetpotatoes	Planted	85	36	92	95	0	4	10	80	6
Hay (Cool Season)	Harvested	100	99	100	76	3	12	38	43	4
Hay (Warm Season)	Harvested	55	35	52	57					
Peaches	Harvested	47	43	58	56	0	5	18	53	24
Watermelons	Planted	100	99	100	100	7	8	33	45	7
Blueberries						0	0	27	47	26
Peanuts						0	0	20	80	0
Cattle						0	3	29	56	12
Pasture						1	2	27	53	17

### County Agent Comments

"Heavy rains over weekend stopped planting and flooded out some fields. Backwater of Sardis Lake has some acreage flooded. It has been hot and humid for three days. Many producers will spend the fourth of July replanting soybeans."

— Ronald L. Jones, Marshall County

"Soybean replanting dominates the main farm activities. Very little warm season hay has been harvested. Pastures are growing with the arrival of hot weather. However, rank growth in most pastures and hay fields will result in a poor quality hay cutting"

— Mike Howell, Lee County

"Plant bug numbers are beginning to increase in cotton. Weather conditions finally allowed hay producers to harvest some warm season forages."

— Otis L. Davis, Madison County

"Rain has not been quite as frequent giving producers time to make hay."

— Bobby Fulcher, Clarke County

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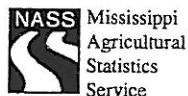
# Weather Summary From June 30, 1997 to July 6, 1997 For Mississippi

District/Station	Air Temperature					Precipitation				4 Inch Soil Temperature			Ave Pan Evap
	Max	Min	Ave	Norm	DFN	One Week	DFN	Rain Days	Four Weeks	Max	Min	Ave	
1. Upper Delta													
Clarksdale	97	65	82										
Cleveland	98	64	81	81	+0	0.68	-0.80	2	4.92				
Tunica	98	64	82	81	+1	0.34	-0.46	1	6.09	96	80	86	
Extreme/Average													
2. North-Central													
Holly Springs	95	57	80	78	+2	0.05	-1.10	1	8.14	94	77	86	0.28
Memphis	97	62	81	82	-1	0.00	-1.06	0	6.28				
Oxford	96	60	80	79	+2	0.59	-0.39	3	13.57				
Extreme/Average	97	57	80	79	+1	0.21	-0.85	1	9.33	94	77	86	0.28
3. Northeast													
Booneville	92	61	77	78	-1	1.19	+0.34	2	9.26				
Corinth	99	62	82	79	+3	3.24	+2.29	2	13.63				
Iuka	91	55	76			1.64		2	10.04				
Pontotoc	96	81	80	79	+2	0.04	-1.13	1	8.43	94	77	85	0.21
Tupelo	95	61	80	80	+0	0.65	-0.15	1	9.62				
Verona	96	69	83			0.06		2	8.86	95	76	85	0.27
Extreme/Average	99	55	80	79	+1	1.14	+0.20	2	9.97	95	76	85	0.25
4. Lower Delta													
Belzoni				82		0.00	-1.36	0	4.14				
Greenwood	97	67	81	82	-1	0.21	-0.85	1	5.48				
Rolling Fork	97	71	83			0.15	-1.04	1	2.24	105	85	95	0.23
Stoneville													
Yazoo City	96	69	83	82	+1	0.04	-1.02	2	7.36				
Extreme/Average	97	67	82	82	+1	0.10	-1.07	1	4.81	105	85	95	0.23
5. Central													
Carthage						0.00	-0.92	0	3.23				
Jackson	95	68	82	82	+0	0.00	-1.06	0	5.69				
Winona	92	63	78	78	+0	0.60	-0.28	1	9.10				
Extreme/Average	95	63	80	80	+0	0.20	-0.75	0	6.01				
6. East-Central													
Brooksville						0.14	-0.61	1	5.42				
Columbus	99	68	84			0.46		2	4.83				
State University	97	62	84	80	+4	0.96	-0.10	2	4.67	95	78	86	
Extreme/Average	99	62	84	80	+4	0.71	-0.35	2	4.75	95	78	86	
7. Southwest													
Crystal Springs						0.98		1	12.43	99	80	89	
Natchez	95	68	82	81	+1	0.00	-0.72	0	3.90				
Oakley	96	65	78			0.26	-0.87	1	6.57	90	77	82	
Vicksburg	94	64	82			1.02		1	8.10				
Extreme/Average	96	64	81	81	-1	0.57	-0.36	1	7.75	99	77	86	
8. South-Central													
Columbia	95	71	83	81	+2	0.09	-1.27	1	11.74				
McComb	96	69	82	80	+2	0.85	-0.58	3	8.45				
Extreme/Average	96	69	83	81	+2	0.47	-0.93	2	10.10				
9. Southeast													
Beaumont	98	70	83			0.91		3	7.49	96	75	86	
Hattiesburg	95	70	83	81	+2	0.42	-0.66	2	6.25				
Laurel													
Meridian	96	67	81	81	+1	0.00	-0.90	0	5.07				
Newton	96	67	81	80	+2	1.65	+0.80	1	4.88	93	75	84	0.25
Extreme/Average	98	67	82	80	+2	0.75	-0.19	2	5.92	96	75	85	0.25
10. Coastal													
Bay St Louis													
Biloxi	95	73	84			1.49		3	10.52				
Gulfport	97	73											
Pascagoula	96	71	82	82	-0	4.75	+3.41	4	9.92				
Poplarville	96	71	84	81	+3	0.52	-1.06	2	5.12	102	76	89	10.00
Extreme/Average	97	68	83	82	+2	2.25	+0.79	3	8.52	102	76	89	10.00
State	99	55	82	81	+1	0.67	-0.40	2	7.33	105	75	87	0.65

DFN = Departure from Normal.

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